1994-95 STC and MMTC have been asked to import sugar for P.D.S. (Public Distribution System).

(b) During 1994-95 STC and MMTC have upto 9-6-94, finalised import of 6.26 lakh tonnes. These organisations did not import any sugar during the year 1993-94.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Differing views on Super 301

7379. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any difference in the views of our Government and the U.S. Government on Super 301 ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard :

(c) to what extent these differences are likely to effect the economy of our country; and

(d) how Government propose to resolve these differences ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (d) India has consistently been of the view that there should not be unilateral judgements or action on trade matters. Such matters should be resolved multilaterally. The Uruguay Round results contain a detailed agreement for the resolution of disputes between members multilaterally. Unilateral trade measures would not be consistent with the obligations of the members under the Uruguay Round results. This agreement is acceptable to both India and the U.S.

Estimated rise in the Indian export

7380. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for the optimism expressed by him recently that by 1997 Indian exports would go up to the level of 35 billion dollars at the 1992 price level ;

(b) whether the above mentioned target is possible on the basis of reality of misallocation in investment i.e. agricultural sector's potential being underrated and underinvestment in that sector ; and

(c) what are the perspectives of various sectors' expected perford mance on exports front including detailed break up of exports from various segments ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan, 1992-97 has envisaged an annual export growth of 13.6% in volume terms, leading to total exports of about US $ 35 billion at the terminal year of the plan at 1991-92 prices, based on the expected sector-wise foreign exchange earnings, in line with the macro balances of the economy viz. investment and sectoral and aggregate GDP growth. Thus, relatively higher growth is expected in the export of value-added items like processed food in the agricultural sector and gems & jewellery, engineering goods, chemical and allied products etc. in the manufacturing sector.

Cases against employees of STC

7381. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister

of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the cases where State Trading Corporation of India (STC) took action in 1991 under sction 32 of its Employees (Conduct, discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1975;

(b) whether it is a fact that in some cases the Corporation took the extreme step of expelling its employees from service and not clearing their dues, till date ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor ;

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure justice to the expelled employees and that they may not be subjected to more than one penalty for one offence ; and

(e) the steps being taken to adjust the STC's outstanding dues against such employees ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (e) STC has intimated that a Chief Marketing Manager was removed from the services of the Corporation w.e.f. 3-7-91 by invoking Rule 32 of the STC Employees' (CD&A) Rules, 1975 by the competent authority for having committed acts of misconduct, while posted at STC, USA viz obtaining Green Card by fraudulent means, worked for one Delhi based businessman, received payments from private parties and had absconded from place of his duty since 27th May, 1991.

STC have mentioned that a total amount of Rs. 2,31,870.31 is recoverable from the ex-employee. Arrears pay payable to the ex-employee are Rs. 61,517.90 and he has paid a sum of Rs. 1,08,575.00 to STC on 2-5-94. Thus a total amount now recoverable from him by STC has been indicated at Rs. 61,777.41.

The post of Chief Marketing Manager is a post below Board level and CMD, STC is the appointing authority for such a category being non-Presidential appointee.

Business delegation's visit to U.A.E.

7382. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered business delegation has visited United Arab Emirates in the month of May, 1994;

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to attempt for a favourable balance of trade, which is at present negative for India and heavily tilted in favour of U.A.E. ; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) A high powered 19 member FICCI business delegation visited UAE from 25th to 28th May, 1994. The basic objective of the visit was to attract investment from UAE to India.

(c) and (d) During the year 1993-94 (April—Jan.) the trade balance has shifted in favour of India with Indian exports at Rs. 2950.65 crores and import Rs. 2592.76 crores. India's trade surplus has been of Rs. 357.89 crores.

Software team to visit Japan

7383. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of COM-